

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 19 ~~without~~ without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 19 and 20 pending.

Claim 20 stands rejected.

Claim 19 is withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner.

Claim 19 is canceled without prejudice.

The present invention is a shaft for light weight golf clubs having alternating layers of straight and angled fibers which is 35-50 percent lighter than conventional shafts while providing the same outer diameter and the same characteristics as conventional shafts such as flexural rigidity, flexural strength, torsional rigidity, torsional strength and crushing strength.

Claim rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Atsumi (JP 09327536A) and further in view of the admitted prior art, Utsono (US 5,231,783), Tonen (JP 0298854), and Kusumoto (US 6,106,413).

While not acquiescing to the merits of the rejection stated in the previous office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the above rejection is overcome by the perfection of Applicant's claim of foreign priority to JP 9-314867, dated